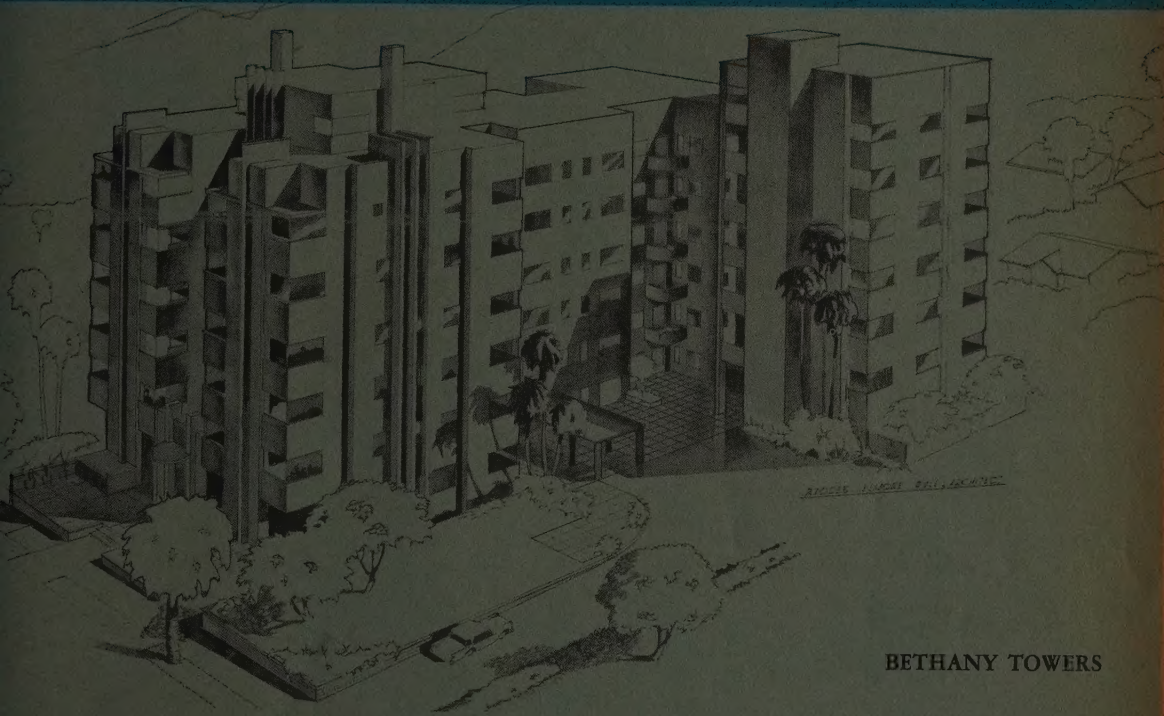


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## GOOD NEWS FOR "SENIOR CITIZENS"

### ATTEND BETHANY OPEN HOUSE, OCTOBER 15, 16

Bethany Towers (pictured on cover), the apartment-hotel for Senior Citizens sponsored by the Christian Churches of Southern California, moves steadily forward toward its goal of providing "Life-Long Security in a Christian Atmosphere" for the elderly and retired.

Thirty men and women are now members, and major improvements are nearly completed.

#### New Lounge Area

The development of large areas for the general use of members on the first floor has been a major obligation faced by the Board of Directors, of which C. P. Von Herzen is chairman. The Board is pleased to announce the completion of most of this work and extends an invitation to its constituency, the Christian Church people of Southern California to "come see" the beautifully appointed lounge, dining room and personal service area. It will have to be seen to be appreciated.

"Open House" will be over a week-end in October, Saturday the 15th and

Sunday the 16th. While the Sunday afternoon hours of 2:00 to 4:00 o'clock will attract the larger number of visitors, Saturday is arranged between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. for some who prefer another day than Sunday, who would want unhurried opportunity to inspect the Towers and gain information. Bethany Towers is located in Hollywood at 1745 North Gramercy Place.

#### Tower Members Will Host

Several apartments will be open to visitors these two days. Some of the members will be hosts in their own homes. Others will be apartments recently completed into which the member has not yet moved.

The capacity of the present building will be about 100 members. Only a few apartments of some sizes still are available.

The Lounge has been provided by converting several apartments and the hall on the main floor into comfortable attractively furnished areas where groups of members and their friends may engage in their favorite activity. This has been possible by skilled use of half of the first floor of seven-story Bethany Towers. ✱

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# VIEW POINTS

## "What is the Church?"

Out of 22 denominations, Disciples are last in giving!

WHY?



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California

Considerable public attention has been directed through debate and the press to what has been called the search for the National Purpose. Coupled with this seeming loss of purpose has been a deterioration of the moral fibre, the warp and woof on which depends the nation's religion.

If such be the case, it might well behoove the churchmen of our Brotherhood and other religious bodies to redefine their religious purpose.

The absence of certain strong goals might partially explain why of 22 major denominations in America, the Disciples are last in their financial support of all causes.

Historically, our movement was a rural movement and attracted into its membership people of the Midwest and West of moderate to average means. Only in recent years has the Christian Church found great numbers of adherents in the urban areas of America.

Secondly, our Brotherhood was historically a group of autonomous congregations who were jealous

of their independence and fearful of any centralized administration. Because of this, they have been slow in unifying their stewardship and missionary efforts.

Thirdly, it has been only within the past decade that we have become aware of the great advantages to be gained from unifying our efforts in a great cooperating missionary endeavor.

As we stand on the threshold of the Decade of Decision, great opportunities lie ahead as we face the real purposes of the world outreach of the church.

The mission of the church is still Worship—to bring men into their proper perspective to their Creator.

The mission of the church is still Evangelism—to cause men to know the saving grace of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

The outreach of the church is still Education—to bring men to know God and to meet their responsibilities to their fellow beings.

The outreach of the church is still Stewardship—that men may come to know that all they are and all they have comes only from God.

As the individual Christian comes to the full realization of the power and purpose of his life, then will the Church come first and our stewardship will speak for our Faith. \*



**Foster T. Craggett**  
Minister  
Los Angeles

Someone has made the observation that the Disciples are noted for the three "S's". They are "scrappy", "scriptural", and "stingy".

Categorically, our rank in giving as 22nd among the church bodies places us on the "stingy" side of the ledger. How did we get this way? Why must we remain on this level?

Our stress upon the New Dispensation rejected many of the abiding values of the old order. Jesus did not command the tithe in specific terms. He declared unto us—"where our treasures are, there will our heart be also."

However, we must give heed to this abiding value of the old order as Jesus further declared—"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, and mind." Those who lived under the old order tithed as evidence that they did love God with all their heart.

Evidently we of the New Testament church must not love God with all our hearts. Our giving, rather, our lack of giving seems to indicate this. \*

This is the first in a series of VIEW-POINT articles to help answer the question, "What is the Church?"

SEE Record of Giving on page 15



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## NEW CHURCH



Dr. Harry Fonger looking on as a member signs the Charter Membership Roll at the First Christian Church, Lompoc, California.

Disappearing through the sky, almost faster than the eye can follow was one of the newest rockets conceived by man in our modern day. Though this countdown was strange terminology to the average man, it is now common jargon to the residents of Lompoc, California, located near the now famous Vandenberg Air Force Base.

A new church is now in existence in Lompoc. In the vision of this unusual setting, listen to the ever familiar countdown of events that made this church a reality.

Zero minus ten ---- occurred when the new base was created and the area around Santa Maria, Orcutt, and Lompoc began to grow quite rapidly. Lompoc was a community of about five thousand persons two years ago. By December 1959 the population had a total of 13,000 and by July 1960 it was 21,000. Interested Christian Church members in the church at Santa Maria suggested that we investigate the possibility of a new work there.

Zero minus nine ---- were the events which take place in community research. Research revealed that only two communions of the comity related groups had churches there. With the present and anticipated growth, others were badly needed and the community leaders indicated a real welcome to the Christian Church leaders conducting the research.

Zero minus eight ---- took place with the calling "blitz". In late September fifty-eight persons made over seven hundred calls and found over seventy families expressing interest in the proposed new church. These callers came from the churches of the Coastal District. The program was directed by State staff personnel. A series of meetings followed with this interested group of folk in Lompoc, setting the stage for the beginning of the church.

Zero minus seven ---- signaled the interest of the Churchman's Foundation in property purchase. Russell Hensley and Ray Wellington spent much time researching this area. Extensive aerial photographs were taken. After these had been carefully studied the location to the west of the city was selected and the Foundation negotiated for property. Some of this will be subdivided and sold and two net acres left for the church to use.

Zero minus six ---- was the call of Dr. Harry Fonger as organizing pastor and instruction classes were begun on the "History of the Christian Church" (Disciples of Christ). Much calling and cultivation followed and on the first Sunday of December, 1959, the first service of worship was conducted with twenty responding to the invitation for church membership. The church began to be a reality. Dr. Fonger rendered a vital service to the church in the basic organizational task. Under his leadership the church school was

by Russell Hensley

organized, the CWF was started, functional committees developed, and the membership grew to fifty; this in seven months of ministry.

Zero minus five ---- was the task of the steering committee and its leadership during the formative stages of church life. This committee was composed of six members elected from the church membership, the heads of the functional departments, a State Staff representative, the organizing minister, and the New Church Department representative from the Coastal District. This committee guided the growth of the church until a general board was elected.



On Lot Dedication Day

Zero minus four ---- was the successful every-member canvass for stewardship pledges. Uniting with the other churches in Southern California, the Lompoc church entered into the United Stewardship Canvass in the Spring. With 20% of its total offerings pledged to World Outreach, this young church (then with 42 members representing 27 families) pledged over \$8,000 for the year 1960-61. They anticipate an income in excess of \$10,000 during the year. Added to this will be pledges on their first building project.



Zero minus three ----- was the chartering service on July 27th. On this occasion the charter membership was closed and the members signed the lovely scroll which is to become the first item in their archives. Representatives of the Brotherhood from the Christian Churches Office (Disciples of Christ) presented the new church with a Charter of Recognition into the fellowship of Christian Churches. This church is recognized as one affiliated with with the cooperative work of the Brotherhood and pledged its support to the State and International assemblies, and their affiliated agencies. On this same occasion the first general board was dedicated and Mr. Richard Tyler was selected as the chairman for the year 1960-61.

Zero minus two ----- will be the calling of their first permanent minister. This can be anticipated momentarily. This man will be a man with full recognition of the Christian Churches (Disciples of Christ), having completed work for his AB and BD degrees and having had at least one successful pastorate. He will lead this growing church into its great potential.

Zero minus one ----- will be the launching of the building program and the eventual dedication of the lovely set of buildings being planned at the corner of College and V Streets in the fast-growing community of Lompoc.

Final blast-off will come in about two years when the church will have about two hundred members and will be at full self-support.

And as the "countdown" continues, a new church is created and the Kingdom of God is extended to another Southern California community. \*



Russell Hensley,  
Secretary of Church  
Development,  
Christian Churches  
of So. California

## AFRICA EMERGENCY FUND

Dr. Gaines M. Cook, executive secretary of the International Convention of Christian Churches (Disciples of Christ), revealed August 3 that authorization has been voted for an Africa Emergency Fund "to enable the Christian churches in America to share with the churches in the Congo in meeting the present crisis."

Authorization of the Africa Emergency Fund has been granted by both the Commission on Budgets and Promotional Relationships and the Commission on Brotherhood Finance, both Disciple bodies.

On July 1, some 63 missionaries and 85 children of the Christian Churches were stationed in Congo. At the end of the month seven men remained to "avoid creating a vacuum into which Communists or others certainly would step."

Mr. Robert G. Nelson indicates that other mission boards are in the same plight as our own, and

that it is a real heartbreak to everybody. The Congolese Christians have been careful to assure missionaries that they are not considered the same as the Belgians. They want the missionary to stay.

Meantime, though, roving bands of looters and irresponsible elements have destroyed property, confiscated or stolen equipment and made off with missionaries' personal goods.

The U. S. government helped in immediate evacuation by airlifting some personnel to safe places. This did not, however, cover the remaining costs of transporting missionaries to the United States and elsewhere.

How great is the loss? No one knows yet. However, the Africa Emergency Fund's authorization is seen as a vote of confidence toward trying to continue and extend our work among 122,795 Congolese Christians in 254 worshiping congregations. \*

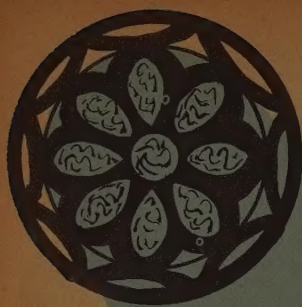


### CHRISTIAN CHURCHES CENTER AND BETHANY BOOKSTORE

Above is the architect's drawing of the new Christian Churches Center and the Bethany Bookstore to be located at 3126 Los Feliz Blvd., in Los Angeles. It is hoped that a Southern California "Open House" may be held on Saturday and Sunday, November 19 and 20. The Christian Churches Office will occupy this new facility by November 1.







# WHO ASKED YOU ?

by Jerry McHarg



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Kearny Mesa Christian Church  
San Diego, California

The urge to enter the ministry comes from many and varied sources. Often the "call" comes from a minister or layman who notes the talents of a youth which would make him effective in the pulpit. Occasionally it is a heavenly vision or ecstatic experience that pushes a man toward the ministry. Sometimes it is nothing more than a general desire to help people that turns a man toward a church vocation.

Such facts make ordination (the process by which the church recognizes God's call of a minister) difficult. For "Who asked you?" is the basic question candidate and council must face. Is this man who applies for ordination really called by God? Did God call, or was it another?

No way has been found to answer that question with complete accuracy. Even Samuel did not clearly discern at first who had called him. God's call often comes to man in routine experiences of life, and it takes meditation and

searching to discover the difference between His voice and other voices.

But in evaluating an urge to enter the ministry, candidate and council can consider these questions: First, has the desire to serve in this way been strong over some period of time? God, who sees things in an eternal perspective, calls not just once but several times in several ways. If the urge to enter the ministry is sudden and impulsive, or from a single isolated experience, it may not be His voice at all.

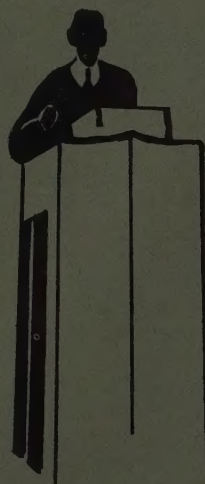
Second, is the urge to serve merely a desire to gain status and prestige by entering a respected profession? The ministry is attractive to some because it has a "built-in" position of prominence in the community. But our Lord had some rather harsh things to say about those who desired only the chief seats that are saved for the religious leaders. It may not be God's voice if the call is simply to a position of greater prestige.

Or again, is the consideration of the ministry as a life's work consistent with one's talents and capabilities? God has granted each man a distinct personality, and His voice will call into the type of service where that personality can best be used. The prospective candidate should learn everything possible about himself and his feelings toward people. If it becomes evident that the candidate's talents do not lie in the field of church vocation, he may seriously question whether God has called.

And finally, is the candidate truly interested in people? Some people are unable to relate to others without a pre-set "role"

such as that granted by being a minister. The ministry is a mask that a man can hide behind to keep from having to deal with others on a person-to-person basis. The God whose primary interest is persons does not call men into a job so they can escape people. If the candidate is seeking a mask, it may not be God's voice at all.

These and similar questions must be honestly faced, for there are other voices than God's which lead men into the ministry. They come from forces which would weaken the Church by placing the wrong man in leadership positions. Such forces must be recognized and silenced so that the call of God can be clearly heard. *His* call, in whatever way it comes, is the only one that matters. ★





# INSPIRATION POINT

## FAMILY

## RESOURCES



Last of a series of articles  
by Mr. Canady.

Some of the best materials for worship experiences in the family arise out of what members of the family may themselves create. In every family there is a budding poet, painter, sculptor, or author. Sometimes he is an amateur photographer, or an aspiring musician. Except for the photographer, each of the above named craftsmen have labored in the ages of Christian history to express their faith in wood, on canvas, 'by the printed page.

Why not permit the latent talents of children and adults in the family to find religious expression through these means? Poems, liturgies, and prayers for use by the family may be written with each participating in the creative process. One member, who may have inspirations for writing, can lead to this. Also there are many possibilities in musical expression. As an example, the study of the hymnal, *Christian Worship*, may be a family project yielding many profitable moments of group experience. The words of a new or unfamiliar hymn may be read in unison. Discussion may follow as to its meaning, after which the tune is learned, and eventually the entire hymn becomes known and appreciated by each one in the family. Often it can be memorized if it has particular meaning for the family group. The metrical index, as well as index of tunes, may be

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used to discover how many different tunes can be used for a particular hymn. Read interesting stories about how and why familiar hymns were written. Children may sing their prayers frequently instead of saying them. Three suggestions are: "Gentle Jesus, Meek and Mild"; "Day is Done", to the tune of "Taps", and Malotte's "The Lord's Prayer". The possibilities are endless and in these the aspiring musicians or singers in the family can lead.

There is only one Raphael or Michelangelo, but there are many who can create in graphic or picturesque form some semblance of what they feel or believe. Often a child may in finger painting, water coloring, or crayola recreate some experience having special meaning for him. This can be used to decorate a worship center and may suggest group discussion which can lead to worship. Murals painted by the children depicting Bible stories can aid in suggesting worship moments as the family group hears the story told by the aspiring painter.

Many families are engaged in the fascinating hobby of color photography. Pictures taken on an outing or during vacations can speak to a family at worship beyond the beauty of the picture or the memory of a happy experience. Try showing the slides some evening when the family is all together asking each one to look into the picture as it comes on the screen.

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## God's Truth

Kay Kokobun,  
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All People's  
Christian  
Church



Today "Freedom" needs re-thinking. The misconception, "Doing as one Pleases," is destroying us.

Jesus said, "The Truth will make you free." Jesus' truth, God's truth, is what we must seek if we are to be truly free.

Recently, I met Rev. Lucious Pitts, director of the Georgia Teachers and Educational Association, who attended the National Education Association here.

As he entered his assigned room, he found himself staying with a Caucasian from North Carolina. The white Southerner, realizing the situation, angrily said, "You can't sleep in this room!" The Rev. Pitts replied, "I don't know what your plans are but I'm tired and am going to bed." The Southerner tried to find another room, but in vain.

The next day, the sleepless North Carolinian, made his complaint to the Association. One official said, "I know Mr. Pitts well, shall I change places with you?" "You mean you would sleep in the same room with a Negro?" was the astonished response.

By the end of the convention, these two men, a Negro from Georgia and a White man from North Carolina parted as the closest of friends, why? Because they learned God's truth about man.

God's Truth about MAN frees us from prejudice...about GOVERNMENT frees us from totalitarianism...about JESUS frees us from sin...about SCIENCE frees us from disease, superstition, fears and unnecessary toil. God's truth makes us free! ★



# HIGH RATE OF PULPIT CHANGE RAISES GRAVE CONCERN!



In the State Secretary's address to the 1960 Southern California Convention he spoke of the great turnover in pastoral leadership. The following items are set forth for the information and study of church leaders at the urging of a number of persons who believe the matter deserves thoughtful consideration; they deal only with the position of pastor or senior minister, not with ministerial staff members.

## Statistics for 2 Periods

The number of changes in Southern California senior ministers is high in cooperative Christian Churches. In the past 4½ years there have been 103 changes among the 122 cooperative churches, including six Negro congregations. In that period, only 39 churches had NO change. Yet 27 congregations had not one, but TWO, leadership changes in those 52 months! Eleven ministers came to new congregations.

Between July 1, 1959, and September 1, 1960—14 months—the ministers of 35 Southern California churches resigned. They went to another field, and each congregation had to seek a new minister. Twelve churches were in the process of a change of pastors on September 1.

On one Sunday last summer, two seminary-trained ministers closed their ministries and went into secular vocations.

## Length of Ministries

In another vein, from a 1959-60 survey, the Department of the Ministry reports on the length of time senior ministers have been in their present positions:

No. of Pastors Reporting	Size of Church Membership	Average No. Years in Present Position
15	800 or more	7.5
27	300 - 800	7.47
41	300 or less	2.7

As the foregoing items are re-read they should lose their statistical nature; they say something about the Christian witness of congregations and ministers.

## Wasted Time?

Consider the time involved in a pastoral change. It proceeds something like this:

Before a resignation is presented, the minister will have considered relocating for at least one month, usually longer. After his resignation he will continue for two or three months; then he goes to his new field of service.

Meantime a pulpit committee has begun its exceedingly responsible and arduous duty of seeking

time is spent while the new minister gets acquainted with his parish and the related Christian witness in the community. Two conclusions then emerge:

1. Only about a year and a half of this "average-length" ministry is in well-acquainted, productive work by any one minister.

2. After a year and a half, the cycle of resignation, interim search and find begins all over again.

Can churches afford this luxury? Is it possible for ministers to bear adequate witness in a parish under such a timetable? What do such changes do to the ministers and their families?—And in ministries of varying lengths, this occurred in 35 churches of all sizes over the past fourteen months.

## Inescapable Questions

Do not such continued practices reflect bad stewardship? Is it not important for lay leaders

## RICHER VEIN

One friend may disappoint or grieve,  
Since mortal flesh and will are frail,  
But friendship's total can retrieve  
Loss when a comrade seems to fail.

Count lifetime revenue before  
You charge dismay against a friend;  
Hearts mine a richer vein of ore  
Than any two can comprehend!

Elinor Lennen

an able new leader. Usually a minister *ad interim* will serve from three to six months before a new minister has been brought into the community to begin his pastorate. In all, the congregation has been undergoing a major change and adjustment over eight or ten months.

## Short Ministries

The survey of the Department of the Ministry shows, for example, that the average length of ministry in 41 churches of 300 members or less is 2.7 years. One year of this

and ministers to seek the reasons behind these conditions? Should not some responsible group in the Southland be called on to seek solutions on behalf of all concerned?

Important to remember among locally autonomous congregations is the fact that major weaknesses in their Christian witness can be overcome only as they collectively initiate acceptable procedures. Solutions even then will be slow of realization, but surely the problem should not be ignored by responsible Disciples. \*



# NIGHT TERRORS --- SLEEP PROBLEMS

*The third of a series in the interest of family relations.*

Many parents are concerned with the sleeping child who night after night awakens in terror and goes screaming or running to the parents for help. Sometimes the frightened child will sob and cry while in a deep sleep with the parents hovering over and wondering how to help the suffering child.

If this type of sleeping disturbance persists, a person should seek professional help. There are, however, a few do's and don't's that parents can observe which often will help the child work through the "bad dream".

**Lewis R. Elloe, Minister,  
Director,  
Northridge Family  
Counseling Center**



Children, as adults, often use the dream period to work through anxieties which have accumulated during the day. Often, in dreams, common events become distorted and produce terrifying fears. The bedtime rituals of the two-year old, such as one more glass of water, another goodnight kiss, a bathroom visit, the night light on, the door partially open, windows checked, are often exasperating to a busy parent who is eager to get the children settled for the night. Actually, these rituals are a reassurance of security to the child. Sleep, at times, can be a terrifying experience when one must be completely alone in the dimly-lit or darkened room. Even though parents say they will be in the other room, the child can not really see them. The child must check occasionally to see if all's well and that he is not alone in an unknown situation.

To awaken from a deep sleep with a nightmare is frightening to an adult; how much more disturbing is it to a child whose sense of time and space is still undeveloped? With little or no experience to distinguish between the imaginative and the real in the daylight world, and no boundaries to clutch to in the night world of sleep, dreams can be unmitigated terror.

What can the parent do to help their child who is having "bad dreams"? The usual method of reassur-

**by Lewis R. Elloe**

ance and comfort can be helpful, provided one does not permit over-concern or a feeling of exasperation to interfere with the immediate situation. Occasionally, one may have to be on call for comfort three or more nights in a row. However, if the child is working through a dream situation and the parent is consistent and limited in his reactions, the disturbance should subside.

The following may help:

1. Do not remove the child from his room or bed, (unless a bathroom visit is needed).
2. Keep your voice low and soothing.
3. Comfort the child in your arms, if necessary, but do not begin the "lying-down-with-child" routine. It is too hard to break.
4. Carry through the child's wishes if feasible, such as checking the drapery or touching a troubling wall shadow, etc.
5. Take turns coming in for many reassurances despite the child's desire for a particular parent.
6. Anticipate disturbance, if possible, by discussing ways a child may help himself before asking for the parents. Sometimes a soothing clock, a soft toy, a "made-up-story" of how other children dream and are awakened, can be helpful.

One of the big problems in the night-terror episode is the sleepy parent who resorts to immediate makeshift solutions which later become more difficult to handle than the original bad dream.

Guard against:

1. Taking the child into the parent's bed.
2. Spanking, threatening or awakening the child too suddenly.
3. Discussing the situation with others within the child's hearing.
4. Assuming that complete exhaustion through stimulating bedtime play will insure the child's sleep.
5. Accepting the awakening routine beyond a week's duration without consulting professional help.





# PROGRESS

## 1961 CWF QUADRENNIAL CHAIRMEN NAMED

Plans are moving rapidly on the Second Quadrennial Assembly of the International Christian Women's Fellowship July 19 to 23, 1961, at Purdue University, Lafayette, Indiana.

So that the expected 4,500 women from Christian Churches (Disciples) of the United States and Canada may receive specific training for leadership in local congregations and may gain spiritual renewal, many arrangements must be made well in advance.

Miss Velva Dreese has been named chairman of general arrangements. Mrs. William K. Evans of Austin, Minnesota, ICWF president, heads the section on formal programs in Music Hall. Mrs. Arthur E. Landolt of Moberly, Missouri, CWF vice president, is chairman of program activities.

Staff advisers—Mrs. Judson W. Faw, regarding the formal programs in Music Hall; Katherine Schutze, on program activities; Mrs. Mildred Smith, business manager; and Leta Bradney, general. Miss Jessie M. Trout is executive secretary of the International CWF.

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## FILMSTRIP TELLS STORY OF UNIFIED PROMOTION

A new color filmstrip with recorded sound is "Reaching Out Together," which tells how Unified Promotion functions. The story is told by a seminary professor whose students ask, "What is Unified Promotion?" The professor answers questions in a class in church administration, describing the causes which the brotherhood supports through Unified Promotion and explaining how Unified Promotion is related to the local church.

Viewing time of the 81-frame filmstrip is 15 minutes. It is available with 33-1/3 rpm sound recording for a service charge of \$1.50 through the Christian Churches Office or Christian Board of Publication or the Film Library of The United Christian Missionary Society. Churches may also purchase "Reaching Out Together" for \$15.00 per copy.

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## TRAIN UP A CHILD

**LOS ANGELES, Westchester Christian**—After the Commission Conference at Pine Valley, Nancy Cuthbertson, Dave Hull and Lynn Pfeil stepped forward with their promise to prepare for a life of ministry. The finest testimonial a young person can give his church is the dedication of his own life to full time Christian service. Westchester Church proudly promises to aid them in every way possible to reach their goals.

## A CALL FOR MESSENGERS!

Something new has been added to the International Convention Assembly beginning at Louisville October 21-26, 1960; this Assembly will recognize "Messengers" from local congregations.

Every church is asked to designate a minister, a layman and a laywoman from among those of its membership attending the Convention, to serve in the specific capacity as "Messenger." Such persons are to be designated at the time of Convention registration.

Louisville will be the first Assembly held during the "Decade of Decision." This program has deep and significant implications for each church and every Disciple. Therefore, the Committee on Program and Arrangements is especially anxious that responsible persons from local congregations come to the Convention Assembly to express the concerns of the local congregation in deliberations and transmit the message of the Convention back to their home churches.

Webster defines a messenger as "the bearer of communication" or "a herald or bringer of news." Messengers from the churches will bring the good news to Louisville concerning the progress we have made during the

## DR. DALLAS GLADSON SERVES

**WHITTIER, First**—The board of the interdenominational Missionary Education Conference at Asilomar recently elected Dr. Gladson its vice president.

Further duties accepted by Dr. Gladson are Alternate Voting Representative to the 1960 General Assembly of the National Council of Churches and another three-year term on the Board of Directors of our International Convention.

Long Range Program. More important they will bear a communication back to their church about the bigness of our dreams, the maturity of our planning, the measure of our faith, and the testimony to our commitment as we face the "Decade of Decision."

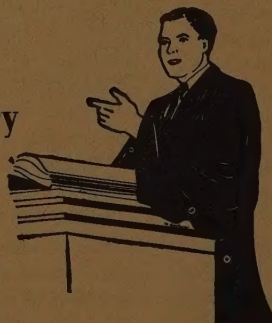
The Convention Assembly is advisory in nature. Yet the common mind and spirit of the Convention on the decisions to be made and the program to be implemented during the 1960-70 Decade should be carried back to the churches from those who are privileged to attend. Thus the true significance of the Louisville gathering will be in proportion to the effectiveness with which the business of the Kingdom is related to the local congregations.

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Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Geisel, formerly from the Ponca City Christian Church, Ponca City, Oklahoma, are interested in doing custodial work in a church. They may be contacted at 9533 - 2nd Avenue, Inglewood 4, California. Phone - PLymouth 6-5038. Mr. Geisel is 54 years of age.

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The above symbol of the financial and spiritual structure of the typical Christian church needs to be changed. Let us consider it for a minute:

In the typical Christian church across the country only about 50% of the members give regularly to the support of the program. This means, of course, that 50% give nothing. This is a startling and disturbing fact. Is it true of your church? The financial secretary can provide the answer.

A second fact is that among the 50% who are givers, many (the exact percent unknown) are mere token givers. These we represent by an "x", indicating quantity unknown. A token giver is one who gives...but not in relation to income or ability.

The objective for the church should be to give guidance to every member in spiritual development and growth. This includes the stewardship of resources. The goal is to secure from every member commitment to share in relation to ability... "as God has prospered." The problem is not lack of money, but failure to give priority to God.

The Every Member Canvass helps the church face and solve this problem of membership support. The plan is centered, not about bigger budgets, but people and program. Pastors and chairmen of Stewardship-Finance Departments of the church should study well the materials provided by Unified Promotion. Now is the time to plan for your fall Every Member Canvass.—Julian E. Stuart.

## EVANGELISM OUTLOOK

The witness of the church is in crisis today. So concluded the Institute on Evangelism, July 12 to 22, held at Christian Theological Seminary, Indianapolis, Indiana, sponsored jointly by the Seminary and the department of evangelism of The UCMS.

Twenty-seven men came from thirteen states, Canada, Jamaica, Paraguay, Australia, and New Zealand. One was a state staff person, six were members of state committees, eight were Seminary students, and two were missionaries on furlough.

Prof. Joseph Smith, director of the Institute, summarized: "We came to examine in depth the meaning of evangelism in contemporary culture. We came saying we are working at it, but are uneasy about what we are doing. We came realizing that evangelism is under judgment."

He stated the following major impressions and emphases, gained as a result of the two weeks of intensive study and discussion:

1. The impossibility but the inevitability of preaching in evangelism. Preaching is the occasion for the Word of God to make itself known.

2. The awareness of the insidious temptation of techniques, and yet the inevitability of techniques. We are wary of "successful" techniques, yet they can become instruments of conversion.

3. We are experiencing the end of institutionalism as the most effective means of evangelism, and the importance of infiltration. This means person-to-person encounter. This is the day for laymen to witness.

4. We are experiencing the end of individualism and are becoming increasingly aware of man "in community." Man is evangelized "in community, through community, to community." We as Disciples are groping for an understanding of "community" and for a theology of culture.

5. We came looking for a strategy for evangelism and found that it is not our problem to create a strategy, but rather to respond to the strategy God is working out. The evangelist is one who knows that Jesus Christ is taking him into the situation.

6. The basic strategy of evangelism is that we must wait for the Holy Spirit and then begin where we live, "begin at Jerusalem." The evangelist must witness to the incarnation. He must realize that the only place to preach the good news is from the cross. He is the one who witnesses to the coming of the New Jerusalem.

The presence of G. Paul Musselman, director of evangelism for the National Council of Churches, added a new dimension to the Institute. He reported on the meeting of the Consultation on Evangelism at Bossey, Switzerland, recently attended by sixty persons from all over the world.

## THINKING IT OVER--

### WITH THE STATE SECRETARY

I was in Lynchburg, Virginia, in mid-July attending the bi-annual meeting of the Council of Agencies. The African situation was becoming acute, and while we were at Lynchburg College the families of the missionaries were being evacuated. As

Virgil Sly gave us up-to-the-minute information, sketchy as it was because of problems of communication, I had a very real sense the workers in every agency found themselves of one mind concerning the world mission of our Brotherhood.

Dr. Oval D. Peterson, the president of the National Benevolent Association, made a spontaneous statement to the total group just before Dr. Sly left Lynchburg to go back to Indianapolis. He said so clearly that all of us felt, that I asked him if I might quote him. This is what he said:

"There is a sense of oneness in the Council of Agencies which was not evident among our agencies at any time. There is the unity of spirit and purpose, as well as the conviction that what affects one agency affects all. Our concern is for the well-being of each other."

"The present tragic situation in Congo, Africa, is not the problem of the United Christian Missionary Society alone, for we are all involved. The emergency there is our emergency. We need to insure the U.C.M.S. of our understanding, our concern and our support."

Sincerely your minister,

*James Barrett*



## Outreach For 1959-60

### Unified Promotion

Readers interested in the world outreach of Southern California Christian Churches will want to know that in all, they sent \$349,850.66 through Unified Promotion from July 1, 1959, through June 30, 1960. In order for each participating cause to have received the allocation established by the (National) Commission on Brotherhood Finance, Southern California churches would have needed to give \$371,169 for the year.

Unified Promotion offerings are those given for the "operation funds" of a cause and do not include any "capital" funds.

For 1959-60, the Christian Missionary Society of Southern California (now the Christian Churches, Disciples of Christ, of Southern California) received 25.3254% of the offerings Southern California churches made through Unified Promotion, amounting to \$88,601.08, not the \$94,000 which had been allocated. This covered the long-established major Southern California intercongregational work including these five items new in Unified Promotion: CMF, Avalon Community Center, Graduate Ministerial Training, the Southern California Planning Conference and Operations in the districts.

Thus the long-established work and the five new items received only enough money in 12 months to meet their needs for 11 months.

### Portion To World Missions

While 25.3254% of the Unified Promotion offerings were used in the Southland, the remaining 74.6746%, or \$261,249.58, was used in national and world missions, in national Christian education and CWF service. These agencies also had to operate for a year on eleven months' funds.

### Thank You

Before reviewing capital funds, three items should be borne in mind:

1. Most churches and groups have responded well to the request that they remit their major outreach offerings each month. This cooperation is valuable.

2. Any specified offering remitted, such as for CMF or Avalon Center, has been included in Unified Promotion offerings and credits for that church or group. These should be remitted, without designation, through Unified Promotion in the future.

For 1960-61, additional new agencies in Unified Promotion include *operating* funds for (a)—Chapman College, (b)—Disciples Seminary Foundation, (c)—Student-Older Youth work, and (d)—International Convention. Offerings for these agencies should now be remitted, without designation, through Unified Promotion. (Capital funds are sent direct to the agency itself.)

3. An increased number of agencies, each carrying a more extensive witness, are receiving their funds through Unified Promotion. Each church or group will need give careful attention to the amount of increase to Unified Promotion, year by year, if the liabilities of this means of "family financing" of Brotherhood life are not to outweigh the advantages.

### Capital Funds

Now for a look at giving to capital funds. At this time attention is not given to all of them, only to two of those which are sent to Christian Churches of Southern California Office: New Church Advance and Conference Grounds.

**New Church Advance**—The name of this enterprise has changed from Mid-Century Church Advance to New Church Development to New Church Advance. In 1960-61 it carries the last name as part of a nationwide Christian Church program.

In 1959-60, congregations gave \$39,738.72, all of which was available for use in Southern California. This was on a needed asking of \$75,000; so only 53% of the need was met. New churches, urgently needed now, cannot begin because of lack of funds.

Five new churches were projected to begin in '59-'60. Two were started. Their construction and the beginning of others will depend entirely upon more generous giving to the New Church Advance.

**Approved for Action**—The 1960 State Convention endorsed this nationwide program whereby 70% of these offerings are used in Southern California, 10% for new churches in foreign fields, 10% in new churches in critical areas in the United States and Canada, and 10% to the Board of Church Extension for interest free loans on new church sites. The Convention resolved to start 100 new churches in the Southland during the "60's".

In the light of these accepted obligations, New Church Advance requests \$125,000, or more than three times what actually was given last year, for 1960-61; \$87,500 to be used in Southern California, \$37,500 in the national and world program of new churches.

**Conference Grounds**—Camp and conference activities throughout the year increase steadily in Southern California. In addition to Loch Leven, first acquired in 1956, and the camping facilities at Bethany Pines, near Gorman, other retreats have had to be rented the past year. The demand continues to mount.

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# FAMILY ALBUM



## NEWS

### GOD AND COUNTRY AWARD

Pete Metz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul H. Metz, 824 Susanna Avenue, West Covina, received the God and Country Boy Scout Award, Sunday, July 17, at the First Christian Church, the first Boy Scout to receive the award at this church. Pete is a member of Troop 436.

Rev. O. A. Tolliver who presented the award told of the requirements and work involved in earning the award which is one of the highest in scouting.



Pete studied the origins and beliefs of his church, took a course of fundamentals in Christianity, performed such services as caring for lawns, visiting the sick, helping with the church program, singing solos at various services, and attending Church sponsored camps and conventions in anticipation of earning the God and Country Award.

He was president of the Chi Rho youth group at the church and held other offices.

In addition to the medal and lapel pin, Pete received a letter of congratulation from the Christian Churches Office, commending him for his consecrated service and loyalty and for demonstrating that a young man can achieve the large tasks for good which are so much needed in our world today.

With Pete's parents at the ceremony was his grandmother, Mrs. R. H. Hoffman of Pico-Rivera.

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### MRS. JOHNNY CAME MARCHING HOME

**MISSION HILLS, Devonshire Christian, August 16**—Mabel Ross, wife of Dr. John Ross, brought direct news from a troubled area to churches in San Fernando Valley after her evacuation from Belgian Congo. A tape recording from Dr. John gave an on the spot report of happenings as he waited to see if he too would be ordered out by the Mission Board.

Mrs. Ross quoted the staggering figure of approximately \$750,000 as the cost for this emergency situation. All the evacuated missionaries are anxiously awaiting the day they can return to their work. Mrs. Ross expressed confidence that the Christian Churches in the United States would stand firmly behind this financial need and get the work of the church in Congo underway as soon as possible.

The missionary zeal Disciples are so proud of will be put to the test as we tackle this problem. We will soon know how seriously we take the assignment of the Great Commission.

### WHERE THERE'S A WILL

**SANTA MONICA**—Dr. C. M. Watson, minister emeritus, has launched a church-wide campaign to make members aware of a sacred responsibility. This new program encourages members to take care of the much neglected family will; then to carry it a step further and include their church and its agencies in their future plans. Dr. Watson enthusiastically proclaims this stewardship of the local church as a challenging idea as wide as the Kingdom of God.

If the church is to progress we must make far reaching and concrete plans for its welfare. The Santa Monica congregation is taking a great interest in this program of thoughtful stewardship.

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### CORRECTION

The address of the World Convention of Churches of Christ (Disciples), listed on page 23 of the September Christian VIEW-POINT is incorrect. It should be 475 Riverside Drive, New York 27, New York.

### DICKINSON ORDAINED

Richard Fred Dickinson, a graduate of Bethany College and Vanderbilt University Divinity School and recently commissioned by the United Christian Missionary Society for service in Tokyo, Japan, was ordained to the Christian Ministry in special rites conducted in the First Christian Church, Alhambra, California, on August 7.

James K. Hempstead, pastor of the Alhambra church, brought the ordination sermon. Other participants in the service included Robert G. Carter, minister of education, First Christian Church, Alhambra; Foster T. Craggett, minister, Avalon Christian Church, Los Angeles; Rival J. Hawkins, executive secretary, Pasadena Council of Churches; Kay Kokubun, minister, All Peoples Christian Church, Los Angeles; Harry E. Nissen, minister, First Christian Church, Glendora; and J. Barbee Robertson, director of community services, Chapman College, and former pastor of the Alhambra church.

Elders from the Alhambra and Glendora churches participated in the laying on of hands. They included Frank J. Geiselman and Jess F. Leighton from Alhambra, and B. S. Sykes and Fred W. Dickinson (father of the candidate) from Glendora.

Ordination was done with full approval of the Commission on the Ministry of the Christian Churches of Southern California whose chairman is Ray W. Wallace, North Hollywood.

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### VOLUNTEER DUTY RECOGNIZED

**FULLERTON, First**—Among the honors Dr. Carlton C. Buck received before he left for his new pastorate at Eugene, Oregon, was recognition of his work with the Salvation Army.

A certificate of meritorious volunteer service was presented to him by Dixie Denton, Salvation Army field representative. Two letters of commendation, one from the Salvation Army director of extension service and another from the local board expressed appreciation for Dr. Buck's many years of service.



Friends of Jennie Ray Thompson English will be pleased to know of new honors which have been bestowed upon this worthy woman. On August 19 the Los Angeles Federation of the W.C.T.U. held a large and impressive meeting at which time the City of Los Angeles, through Councilman John Holland, presented Mrs. English with a beautifully decorated copy of "A Resolution" in her honor, passed by the Council at its meeting on August 18. The occasion for this award was her retirement from the office of president of the Federation—after eight years of service in that position. Her many friends know, of course, that Jennie Ray has served in numerous capacities with the W.C.T.U. and has been most active as a member of the Christian Church. She has lived at California Christian Home for the past seven years.

## Garden Apartments

At a recent meeting of the Board of Trustees the name "Garden Apartments" was selected by which to designate the living units which they propose to build on the California Christian Home property. Preliminary plans were shown to members of the board by architect Eugene Fickes of Arcadia and the general design was agreed upon. Paul B. Kennedy, Director of Development, is assembling a list of retired persons who wish to consider living in the Garden Apartments.

## Nursing Units

Summer vacation slowed down the action on our proposed new nursing unit. However, most of the necessary clearances have been obtained for this structure which is to house between forty and fifty patients. Only a few more details are to be ironed out before bids are called for on this important project costing about a quarter of a million dollars.

## RETIRED LEADER CLOSES MINISTRY

As long as energy and life allowed, J. J. Walker wanted to be actively preaching the Gospel. Only the end of his physical life on August 28 at his home in Torrance terminated his eagerness. Memorial services were held at the First Christian Church in Torrance.

Mr. and Mrs. Walker came to Southern California from Memphis, Tennessee, in 1949. Since that time they have led several churches despite an eleven-year battle against cancer.

## "CHURCH BUILT IN A DAY" HAS 50TH ANNIVERSARY

When F. M. Rogers was pastor of the First Christian Church in Long Beach, he led in organizing the East Side Christian Church on August 28 of 1910. The building was erected in one day, Labor Day, 1910, by the women and men of the new congregation and by the First Church and Carpenters' Hammer Union. The program and building of the church have progressed under the pastorate of each minister, C. C. Bentley, A. E. Worthy, Aldis Webb, Franklin Minck, George Tinsley, John Hanna, and the present pastor, John W. Messer.

With the present minister just having returned from a trip to the Holy Land and the World Convention in Scotland, East Side Church on September 18, 1960, closed its Anniversary celebration with an informal luncheon and program in which four of the five living former pastors participated: Mr. Worthy, Mr. Webb, Mr. Tinsley, and Mr. Hanna.

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## COMING EVENTS

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| October 5  | Dept. of Urban Church                                 |
| October 6  | Decade of Decision Meeting                            |
| October 8  | Children's Workshop Series I, Metropolitan District   |
| October 9  | Second District Training Session - Evangelism         |
| October 10 | Dept. of Church Advance                               |
| October 11 | Ministerial Association                               |
| October 11 | So. Calif. Disciple Directors                         |
| October 13 | Public Relations Dept.                                |
| October 13 | Children's Workshop Series I, Orange District         |
| October 13 | Adult and Family Life Commission                      |
| October 15 | Conference Grounds Department                         |
| October 15 | BPW Fall Retreat, Loch and Leven                      |
| October 16 | Layman's Retreat                                      |
| October 18 | Board of Directors' Meeting                           |
| October 21 | International Convention Begins, Louisville, Kentucky |
| October 27 | Seminary Foundation Meeting                           |
| October 30 | Christian Literature Week                             |
| October 30 | SOY District Meetings                                 |

## CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP SERIES

A new series of Adult Christian Education courses will be introduced in Christian churches in October, 1961, known as "The Christian Discipleship Series". The series is planned as an ongoing program of adult Christian education which will provide adults an opportunity to study all of the areas of the life and work of the church. The first in this series will be an introductory course on how adults learn to make decisions as responsible Christians.

Six basic courses, suggesting a minimum of six-months study, are made ready to follow the introductory course. These basic courses will develop the following areas of the Christian faith and work in:

1. The Bible in Life
2. The Christian Family
3. The Christian Society
4. Christians and Their World
5. The Church and Its Mission
6. Personal Faith and Experience

Each course will have a two-volume reading book for the pupil and a one-volume guidance book for the leader.

## Distinctive Features

The new Discipleship series will endeavor to survey all areas of the Christian faith, and all of the areas of the life and work of the church into the scope of study. A distinctive feature of this series will be comprehensiveness. There will be flexibility in the new series. A third feature will be an effort to build in a defensible balance of the many interests of the Christian. The responsibilities of a Christian to be a steward, to evangelize, to mature through educational efforts, and all other such responsibilities will be dealt with but with the intent of keeping each in balance with other in the amount of time spent in study and emphasis in content.

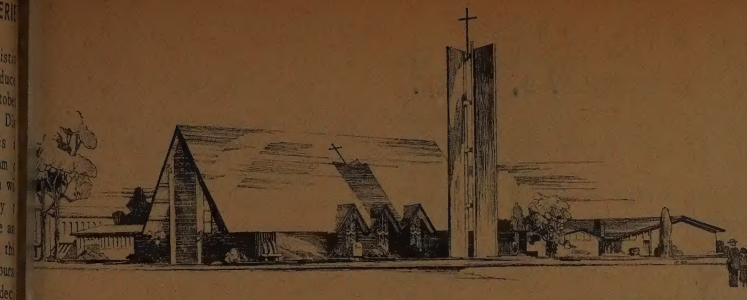
## The Ongoing Feature

A fourth feature of the new courses will incorporate the element of sequence. Following the production of the six basic courses in the new series, units of study will be prepared which will provide additional study in the six areas with each calendar year. These units of study will develop the areas explored in the basic courses in a more advanced manner. The new "Christian Discipleship Series" will place emphasis on the learner making personal efforts to learn.

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## ALHAMBRA DEDICATED

A sanctuary, pre-school building, and administrative building, along with ample off-street parking, were dedicated by First Christian Church of Alhambra in special services on July 10.

The services of dedication marked the completion of the first phase of a building program designed to provide complete new facilities for this congregation. The pre-school building cares for all children-in-ants through kindergarten. The administrative unit includes offices for three ministers and two secretaries, plus a spacious library, a workroom, and a reception room. The sanctuary allows seating for 600 worshippers, including the choir. In addition there are baptismal dressing rooms, a vestry, and a sacristy. Both the administrative building and sanctuary are cooled by refrigeration.

Total cost of this project, exclusive of land, exceeds \$300,000.

The future time-schedule calls for the groundbreaking for the new two-story education building by January, 1963. The chapel, choir building, and fellowship building will follow later.

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## DIAMOND JUBILEE AT RIVERSIDE

First Christian at Riverside had its first meeting on September 6, 1885. Therefore on September 6, 1960, a series of special observances were held beginning with a message by a former interim minister, Nicholas Ziilch the theme of the entire observance was "Power from the Past—Faith for the Future". For the first time the TV series, "Churches of the Golden West," went beyond the Los Angeles metropolitan area to broadcast the service of this congregation on September 11.

The pastor, Samuel D. McLean, on September 18 brought the final message of the observance on the anniversary theme. Mr. McLean shares the ministry of this church with Edgar F. Weaklend, minister of Education.

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## MINISTERS IN INTERIM POSITIONS

While congregations search for new ministers, the following are serving as leaders ad interim:

Dr. Aldis Webb at Van Nuys Central,  
Alden Lee Hill at Burbank First,  
George Tinsley at Garden Grove.

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## COUNSELOR CALLED

As a part of its expanding service to its people and the wider community of which it is a part, First Christian Church of Whittier announces the establishment of a church-related Counseling Center beginning September 1, 1960. The Counseling Center is intended to provide low-cost individual and group counseling within a Christian frame of reference.

Rev. Jim Laughrun, who has served the church as counselor on a part-time basis during the past year, has been called to the church staff as its first full-time Minister of Counseling. Mr. Laughrun took his undergraduate work at Chapman College, his M.A. at the University of Southern California and his M.Th. at the Southern California School of Theology. In addition he received clinical training at the Metropolitan State Hospital in Norwalk under the auspices of the National Council for Clinical Training.

Further information regarding the Counseling Center and its services may be obtained by calling Oxford 4-4180 or OXford 4-4304.

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## FIRST FALL MEET OF SO. CALIF. MINISTERS AND WIVES

Beginning a schedule for the year that was announced earlier, the Ministerial Association of Southern California will meet Tuesday, October 11 at South Bay Christian Church in Redondo Beach. The Association of Minister's Wives meet at the same time.

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## RECORD OF GIVING

Religious Bodies over 100,000 Membership	Per Member Giving 1958-59
1. Adventist: Seventh Day	169.72
2. Church of the Nazarene	25.68
3. Presbyterian: U.S.	22.31
4. Reformed Church in Amer.	22.13
5. Lutheran: Missouri Synod	18.20
6. Church of God (Anderson)	15.00
7. Brethren: Church of the Brethren	14.63
8. Lutheran: United	14.26
9. Presbyterian: United Presbyterian Church U.S.A.	13.80
10. Lutheran: Augustana	13.72
11. Lutheran: Wisconsin Synod	12.86
12. Lutheran: Evangelical	12.81
13. Lutheran: American	11.43
14. Protestant Episcopal	11.23
15. Evangelical United Brethren	10.80
16. Evangelical and Reformed	10.31
17. Methodist: Methodist Church	9.60
18. Baptist: Southern Convention	9.09
19. Baptist: American Convention	8.31
20. International Foursquare Gospel	8.23
21. Congregational Christian	7.25
22. Disciples of Christ	6.53

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## PALO VERDE MOVES AHEAD

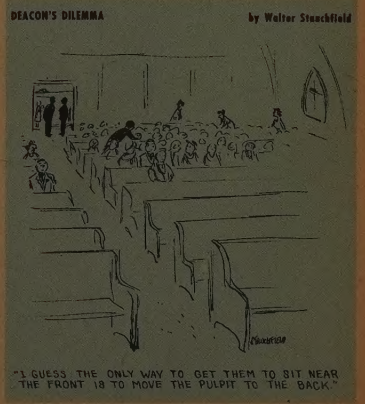
Cash gifts and pledges totaling \$20,333 were received to complete the intensive effort of a Church Extension directed building fund campaign conducted by the Palo Verde Church, Long Beach.

The receipts, resulting from 61 pledges, will provide a portion of the financing necessary for the remodeling of present facilities and the addition of an educational unit.

Rolland H. Sheafor, Vice President and Secretary of the Board of Church Extension, guest directed the campaign which was chaired locally by Herb Kusebauch. Mrs. Merle Boyd served as campaign secretary.

Harold Schneider is the minister.

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## SO. CALIF. REVIEWS WORLD OUTREACH

For the Conference Ground program in 1959-60, \$40,000 was requested of the churches. Principally, it was directed to Loch Leven to retire purchase mortgages and make needed improvements and expansion. In 1959-60, \$17,276.55 was given by the churches for this purpose. Therefore, Loch Leven has had to be refinanced to meet the obligations.

In requesting \$30,000 for 1960-61, there is a sincere hope that since the churches and church groups are using the property and need additional accommodations, they will *this year* provide the money to meet the obligations.

### A Broad Look at Capital Funds

Thoughtful churchmen will want to see the entire picture on capital funds. In addition to the two items above described for 1960-61, Chapman College asks \$42,500 for a new library, California Home \$35,000 for furnishing the new health center, the Disciples Seminary Foundation \$4,000 to start on a building at Claremont, the Christian Churches Office \$5,000 for a building and the United Christian Missionary Society \$12,000 for what formerly was "Capital for Kingdom Building".

Capital funds in the past have been strongly "project centered". Yet with seven of them in the 1960-61 United Outreach Asking, approved by the 1960 State Convention, church leaders will want to see all of them as a part-of-the-whole, each properly supported.

ONE THING IS SURE: The new work and the program expansion of Southern California Christian Churches can be furthered only by greatly-increased giving to capital funds.

ALONGSIDE THIS: Unless "operating funds" maintain reasonable advance, capital will be relatively small importance.

### Decision Determines Destiny

This is an attempt partially to inform responsible Disciples of the nature of the challenge of this Decade.

Strongly affirmative resolutions

DR. J H WALKER  
1709 SACRAMENTO ST.  
BERKELEY 2, CALIF.

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of the Conventions have said, "Yes!"

The members and the congregations are called to respond so the witness of the cooperative Christian Churches may increase among all mankind.

SANTA BARBARA, October 6-Karl Tuttle, minister of First Christian Church is recovering at Cottage Hospital from a serious infection.

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